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SQUAD SELECTION POLICY For 2023/2024

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Squad Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore internationally.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to eligible figure skating athletes, and members of SISA, seeking selection into the International or Development Squad and in consideration of the skater's selection and participation in ISU Events, International and Regional Competitions.
- 1.3 This Policy is for the current international skating season and remains in force until amended or revoked by the SISA Executive Committee.
- 1.4 The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

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| Eligible | Age Eligibility ISU Rule 108 and meet all ISU and SISA residency requirements (ISU Communication 2030) to be able to represent Singapore. |
| 2022/2023 Season | The ISU Skating Season that commenced on the 1 st July 2022 and concluded on the 30 th June 2023. |
| 2023/2024 Season | The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2023 and concludes on the 30 th June 2024. |
| SISA National Championships | 2023 SISA National Championships |
| ISU Events | ISU Championships ISU Junior Grand Prix |
| International Competitions | All other competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU as defined in ISU Rule 107.4 Interclub competitions with participants from at least two members Rule 107.14 (e.g. Asian Junior Skating Challenge events) may be included, following an evaluation on the judge and technical panel qualifications by the SISA Selection Panel following the competition. |
| Exceptional Circumstances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical accompanied by Medical Certificate - Direct clash with National Level or School Examination accompanied by exam schedule/notice - Unable to obtain time-off or leave from National Service Obligations - Compassionate Leave - Compulsory school activities with school notice - Examination Leave |
| SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores (TES) | The minimum standard for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior. |
| Senior Equalized Score | A Senior Free Skate Technical Element Score, less the value for the Choreographic Sequence |
| SISA Selection Panel | A panel comprising of up to five, but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Board. |
| SISA Mandated Events | Training (on & off ice), Events and Competitions held in Singapore. |

2 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The SISA Board has overall and final responsibility for all performance criteria and individual selection decisions.
- 2.2 The SISA Board may appoint, at its discretion, a panel of up to five but no less than three National Selectors (SISA Selection Panel) whose task will be to consider athlete/s based on the performance criteria outlined below for the SISA International / Development Squad.
- 2.3 The SISA 2023/2024 Squad will be published and subsequently updated following SISA Nominated Benchmark event/s.

3 QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 To be included in the SISA International or Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - i. Be an individual member of SISA
 - ii. Competed in the 2023 SISA National Championships in person
 - iii. Adhere to division Age Limits - ISU Rule 108
 - iv. Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2030 – ‘Update to Rule 109’
 - v. Adhere to ISU Eligibility (ISU Rule 102, ISU Rule 103)

3.2 Age

| Category | Age as of 1 July 2023 |
|---------------------|---|
| Basic Novice | Has not reached the age of 13 |
| Intermediate Novice | Has not reached the age of 15 |
| Advanced Novice | Has reached the age of 10 but not reached the age of 15 |
| Junior | Has reached the age of 13 but not reached the age of 19 |
| Senior | Has reached the age of 16 |

- i. Should an existing squad member test up during the season, he/she will have to participate and obtain the required TES in a SISA Nominated Qualifying events (Clause 4) to represent Singapore at their tested level.
 - ii. If the skater is still age eligible for the lower level, he/she may continue to represent Singapore at the lower level.
- 3.3 Athletes will be included in the SISA International or Development Squad when they have:
 - i. Fulfill all of Section 3.1(i) to (v) (above)
 - ii. Achieve the SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores (Short and Free) at either of the following:
 - a. 2023 SISA National Championships
 - b. 2023/2024 SISA Nominated Qualifying events (Clause 4)
 - c. 2022 SISA National Championships
 - d. 2022/2023 ISU, International & SISA Sanctioned Events

SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores Requirement

| International Squad | | <u>SHORT</u> | <u>FREE</u> |
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| SENIOR DIVISION | Women | 14.08 | 26.44 |
| | Men | 16.49 | 28.70 |
| JUNIOR DIVISION OR SENIOR EQUALISED SCORE IN SENIOR DIVISION | Women | 12.90 | 20.44 |
| | Men | 13.47 | 27.70 |
| ADVANCED NOVICE DIVISION | Girls | 11.07 | 15.48 |
| | Boys | 11.07 | 16.25 |
| INTERMEDIATE NOVICE DIVISION | Girls/Boys | | 12.79 |
| BASIC NOVICE DIVISION | Girls/Boys | | 11.92 |

| Development Squad | | <u>SHORT</u> | <u>FREE</u> |
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| SENIOR DIVISION | Women | 12.17 | 20.92 |
| | Men | 12.78 | 22.25 |
| JUNIOR DIVISION OR SENIOR EQUALISED SCORE IN SENIOR DIVISION | Women | 10.85 | 16.02 |
| | Men | 12.21 | 17.01 |
| ADVANCED NOVICE DIVISION | Girls | 9.63 | 13.54 |
| | Boys | 10.03 | 13.89 |
| INTERMEDIATE NOVICE DIVISION | Girls/Boys | | 9.87 |
| BASIC NOVICE DIVISION | Girls/Boys | | 9.0 |

4 2023/2024 SISA NOMINATED QUALIFYING EVENTS

- (a) 2023 Singapore Interschool*
- (b) SISA Sanctioned Competition
- (c) Overseas competition approved by the selection panel (skaters may also put up a request at least 2 months ahead of the competition)

* May subject to any changes

5 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 In order to confirm and maintain his/her selection in the International and Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - (a) Sign and comply with SISA's Athlete Agreement
 - (b) Abide by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
 - (c) Complete the ISU Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
 - (d) Submit an annual training and competition plan (YPI) including key performance indicators (KPIs) in consultation with your coach.
 - (e) Maintain a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete (i.e., at least commit to 80% of training per week as per indication in the YPI). If an athlete has a loss of fitness, form or suffers an injury or illness that prevents the athlete from competing or training for extended periods of time, he/she must notify the SISA Selection Panel within 48 hours of being diagnosed. The SISA Selection Panel also has the discretion if an athlete's entry should be removed for any relevant events.
- 5.2 If an athlete is unable to attend any assigned events, he/she must write in to the SISA General Manager with documentary evidence of his/her reasons (for e.g., medical certificate) to the SISA Selection Panel to be considered for future events and/or to be retained on the squad.
- 5.3 If an athlete is unable to comply with the SISA Mandated and/or Assigned Events, it must only be due to the Exceptional Circumstances to be retained in the squad.
- 5.4 If a selected athlete, through his/her misconduct brings SISA or the sport of skating into disrepute, he/she may be removed from the International and Development Squad by the SISA Selection Panel in consultation with the SISA Board.

6 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 6.1 For all appeals regarding an athletes' inclusion in the SISA International or Development Squad, an official appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the President, Singapore Ice Skating Association no more than 3 days following the announcement. Failing which no appeal will be entertained.
- 6.2 The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
 - i. The relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 - ii. The decision was affected by actual bias.

7 SELECTION PANEL

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| Ms Alison Chan | SISA President |
| Mrs Lisa Jelinek | ISU Technical Controller, ISU Judge and SISA Advisor |
| Ms Sharon Mellema | International Technical Specialist |

REFERENCES

(www.isu.org)

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| ISU Rule 102 – 'Eligibility' |
| ISU Rule 103 – 'Reinstatement as an Eligible person' |
| ISU Rule 108 – 'Age Limits' |
| ISU Communication 2030 – 'Update to Rule 109 on Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure' |
| ISU Rule 131 – Declaration |
| SISA Declaration Exceptional Circumstance and Medical Notification and Clearance Policy Current and Potential Team Members |